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Response to Office Action

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to an Office action mailed August 23, 1999, we submit the following remarks:

Remarks

In the above-referenced Office action, claims 1-8 and 11-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schloss (U.S. Patent No. 5,706,507). Claims 9-10 and 13-19 were also rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schloss in view of the patent to Kirsch (U.S. Patent No. 5,751,956). Applicant hereby submits the following remarks, which are intended to address the two grounds of rejection. These are new grounds of rejection, as the prior Section 102 rejection has been considered moot by the Examiner. Applicant understands the Section 102 rejection to be withdrawn and a new rejection under Section 103 substituted.

The present invention discloses a system and method for collection of information distributed over a network having documents stored on a web site or document servers. An access control list intermediates between the client and the document servers in which the access